

May 4th, 1930.

Mayor Houde,
Mayor of Montreal,
City Hall,
Montreal, P. Q.

My attention has been drawn to the fact that a firm of undertakers has opened funeral parlours at 768 Sherbrooke St. West, almost immediately opposite the front gates leading to the grounds of McGill University.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the University, I wish to protest. Fortunately or unfortunately, McGill is situated right in the very heart of Montreal, and we have been here for more than a hundred years. In my opinion we always *shall* be here, although there are many closely associated with the University who have from time to time suggested that we move to some place adjacent to the City, where we would have greater room for expansion and where we might hope to provide for ourselves facilities which are not at present available. Those who are in favour of moving point out that we have all too few playing fields. They also suggest the difficulty of giving to the neighborhood of the University that air of seclusion, dignity and respectability which should characterize the place where a university is situated.

For these, and many other reasons which will readily suggest themselves to you, it is the practice in many places to create a University District or locality, within which great care is exercised by the